

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2019  
TOWN HALL, 542 LIBERTY STREET, HANSON, MA**

**Called to Order at 7:00 PM** under M.G.L. c 131, §40 and the Hanson By-Law 3-13, §5 and Rules and Regulations by Phil Clemons, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

**Present:** Phil Clemons, Chairman  
Sharon LePorte, Member  
William Woodward, Member  
**Absent:** Michael DeVeuve, Clerk  
Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman  
**Also Present:** Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant

**Minutes**

**Motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019:** Sharon LePorte  
**Second:** William Woodward  
**Vote:** 3-0-0

**Discussions**

**Request for a Certificate of Compliance** for 1460 Main Street, Map 44, Lots 5-1, 5-2, 5-3 & 5-4 (Great Cedar Condo's) for Roger Morton (**DEP #SE175-0597**)

**Motion to continue the Request for Certificate of Compliance until 2/12/2019:** William Woodward  
**Second:** Sharon LePorte  
**Vote:** 3-0-0

**Update on Wetlands Restoration Plan for Smitty's Bog**

Mr. Clemons reported that the Commission had received a little positive publicity recently about the continued restoration project at Smitty's Bogs. Smitty's Bogs is an area that was for many years, privately owned and primarily used for cranberry cultivation. It is now being restored to wetlands and their natural ecological function under the NRCS's Wetlands Reserve Program. Solitude Lake Management Co. were contracted to come to Smitty's Bog last Thursday with a "Marsh Master" to mow down the phragmites that they initially treated last September with an herbicide. Because the phragmites are an invasive species, they crowd out the native plants impeding stream flow and native animals from their natural habitat. Tracy Seelye from Hanson Express Newspapers was on hand to capture the story and wrote a great article for last week's edition. Mr. Clemons said that it was a positive step towards helping people to understand what's going on at there.

**Old Business/New Business**

**Conservation Agent update**

Mr. Clemons reported that the Town had hired Michele Grenier to be the new part-time Conservation Agent and she was presently being appointed at the Selectmen's meeting downstairs. Ms. Grenier will be working 19 hours a week starting February 11, 2019.

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**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM:** William Woodward

**Second:** Sharon LePorte

**Vote:** 3-0-0